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SUBJECT: STUDENT VIOLENCE IN MATAMOROS  
RF: MATAMOROS 0057

1. ONCE AGAIN THE STUDENTS WERE OUT IN THE STREET  
YESTERDAY EVENING DESTROYING SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES, THEY  
SET FIRE TO A NIGHT CLUB IN THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT AND  
CAUSED OTHER DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT A  
MASS DEMONSTRATION AS THE DAY BEFORE BUT WERE ROVING BANDS  
FORMED BY 20 OR 30 YOUTHS WHICH WOULD QUICKLY DISPERSE WHEN  
THE ARMY OR POLICE ARRIVED.

2. GOVENOR ENRIQUE CARDENAS CAME TO MATAMOROS ON JUNE 27  
ACCOMPANIED BY THE STATE CHIEF OF POLICE WHO WAS PLACED  
IN CHARGE OF THE CITY POLICE AFTER THE FIRING (OR THE SUSPENSION  
IT IS NOT CLEAR WHICH) OF THE LOCAL POLICE CHIEF, EMILIANO  
DEL TORO. MAYOR ANTONIO CAVAZOS TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE  
IS WILLING TO TALK TO THE STUDENTS AND THAT THEIR DEMANDS  
WILL BE SOLVED. HE ALSO SAID THAT TWO POLICEMEN  
RESPOSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE 15 YEAR-OLD STUDENT WILL BE  
BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

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3. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REVEALED THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES  
AS A RESULT OF THE RIOTS, NOR THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT  
WERE ARRESTED. IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT 3 PERSONS WERE KILLED.  
THE PRESS REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 50 PERSONS WERE TREATED  
IN THE HOSPITALS MOSTLY FOR MINOR INJURES.

4. THERE WERE REPORTS THAT AT LEAST 3 BUS LOADS OF STUDENTS

ARRIVED FROM MONTERREY ON JUNE 27. IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED  
EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE  
PLACE IN THE EVENING WHICH DID NOT OCCUR

COMMENT: SINCE THE STUDENTS' DEMANDS FOR THE FIRING OF THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE AND FOR THE ARREST OF THE COPS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE DEATH OF THE STUDENT HAVE BEEN MET, THE CALM  
SHOULD RETURN TO THIS BATTERED CITY THE MILITARY ARE STILL  
VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN THE STREETS AND THE WORK FORCE  
WHICH STAYED HOME YESTERDAY IS BACK ON THE JOB TODAY. WE  
ARE NOT ADVISING AMERICAN TOURISTS TO STAY AWAY FROM MATAMOROS  
BUT RATHER TO AVOID THE DOWNTOWN AREA DURING THE EVENING  
UNTIL THINGS RETURN TO NORMAL.  
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